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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of:

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For: METHOD FOR ISOLATING AND Examiner: C. B. Wilder PURIFYING A NUCLEIC ACID

COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Madam:

We are in receipt of the Notice of Allowance dated April 7, 2009 in the above-identified application. Applicants submit that the Notice of Allowability form correctly lists the allowed claims. However, Applicants submit that there are typographical errors on page 2 of the Examiner's comments. Specifically, the Examiner states that claims 3, 19, 21, 23-24, and 35-26 have been canceled and claims 1-2, 4-18, 20, 20, 22, and 25-34 are pending. The Examiner should have stated that claims 35-36 are canceled. Applicants further note that the Examiner listed claim 20 twice when referencing the pending claims. Please correct these errors before issuance of the patent.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37.C.F.R. §1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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